

## PATENT

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STEEGHS, ET AL

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For:

PROCESS FOR AGGLOMERATING PARTICULATE MATERIAL AND PRODUCTS MADE FROM SUCH

**PROCESSES** 

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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action of September 3, 2002, the following remarks are submitted. (1)

## REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 41 and 47 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 3, 7, 8, 45 and 50 of application no. 08/032,525. Applicants note that both the present application and the cited application are assigned to Akzo Nobel, N.V. and share common ownership. Applicants also note that the cited application matured into U.S. Patent No. 6,497,746 B1 on December 24, 2002. In view thereof, a terminal disclaimer is being submitted herewith to overcome the rejection.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 41 and 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,919,711 to Banyai et al. (hereinafter "Banyai"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.